



BOROUGH OF KENNELLEY.

ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE WORK OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES
1939.

B O R O U G H O F R E I D H A L L .

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Worshipful the Mayor: Councillor J.W. WARDLE, J.P.(ex-officio)

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Vice-Chairman: Councillor E. HUTCHINSON.

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Councillor W. SMITH (E), J.P.

Councillor O. SMITH.

FRATERNITY AND OTHER WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The Worshipful the Mayor: Councillor J.W. WARDLE, J.P. (ex-officio)

Chairman: Councillor E.E. COOPER.

Vice-Chairman: Councillor J. PROCTER and Members of the Health Committee, together with four Co-opted Members -

LADY JAGGAS, J.P.

MRS. H.S. CLOUGH

MRS. J. GROVES

MRS. E. McNULTY.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer:

H. MAINWARING MOLT, Esq., T.D., M.B., B.S.(Lond), M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Leeds)

Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer:

Miss ISABELLA SIM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer:

Mrs. FLORENCE MURIEL LOUISE MOLT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Ante and Post Natal Consultant:

Mrs. R.H.P. PARSONS, M.D., F.S., F.C.O.G.

Chief Sanitary Inspector:

Mr. THOMAS LINDSAY, M.S.I.A. ~~1~~ ~~2~~ ~~3~~ ~~4~~

Director of Cleansing:

Mr. C. ROBINSON, M.Inst.P.C.

District Sanitary Inspectors:

Mr. BAILEY THORNTON, M.S.I.A. ~~6~~ ~~7~~

Mr. WILLIAM ASA BAILEY, M.S.I.A. ~~8~~ ~~9~~

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Superintendent Health Visitor:

Miss A.E. FLOCKTON (Resigned 30/6/39)

Miss H.A. SHUTT (Appointed 1/7/39).

Health Visitors:

Miss S.C. WILSON
Miss D.S. McCOMVILLE (Appointed 27/2/39).
Miss H.M. MITCHELL (Part time)
Miss H. SIMPLET (Part time)
Miss L. GRUNDY (Part time)

Chief Clerk:

Mr. LESLIE C. HODGKINS.

Clerks:

Mr. KENNETH WENTLEBORN
Miss LYDIA M. TERRY
Miss SUSAN I. HUMPHRIES (Resigned 31/8/39)
Mr. MAURICE FAVOITTE
Miss MARIE DAVY
Miss BETTY SEAWORTH (Part time to 31/8/39)
Mr. ALLAN CROWTHER
Miss MARY COTELRILL (Part time. Appointed 2/10/39).

- 6 Certificate of the R.San. I. for Sanitary Inspectors.
- / Certificate of the R.San. I. and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.
- Ø Certificate of the R.San. I. for Meat and Other Foods Inspection.
- X Certificate of the R.San. I. for Smoke Inspectors.
- // Certificate of the R.San. I. for Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works.
- + Certificate of Liverpool University for Sanitary Science.
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B O R O U G H O F K E I G H L E Y.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my tenth Annual Report on the work of the Health Services of the Borough for the year 1939.

By reason of the War this report is an epitome of the year's work and in view of the increasing pressure of work and the need for strict economy in the use of paper, the Ministry of Health have indicated by Circular 2037, dated the 19th July, 1940, that the report may be typewritten and should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year.

No statistics are presented by reason of the fact that the population figure is not available. Such statistics would, in any case, be of doubtful value by reason of adjustments in the population figure owing to evacuation and the number of men drafted to the fighting services.

No important outbreaks have arisen during the year, neither was there any undue incidence of infectious disease. Measles and Whooping Cough became notifiable by an order dated 23rd October, 1934, but there were very few cases notified up to the end of the year.

A considerable amount of work under the Housing Acts has been postponed as a result of Circular 1866, dated the 8th September, 1939, stating that in view of the outbreak of War the Ministry had directed the curtailment of new Housing Schemes etc. After this date, therefore, the Housing Representations were limited to the extent of the occupation of "re-lets" and bungalows on the old King Street Area site.

The Food and Drugs Act, 1938, whereby the West Riding County Council ceases to be the authority for the administration of this Act within the Borough came operative as from 1st October, 1939. Further details will be made in the body of the report.

Your Medical Officer is the Honorary Controlling Officer of the Casualty Services for the Keighley, Bingley, Shipley and Denholme Joint Area and Chairman of the local Committee of the Civil Nursing Reserve. The Department is responsible for the Decontamination of Foodstuffs, the issue of Babies' Anti-Gas Helmets, it has the A.R.P. Mortuary under its control and has established the Casualty Information Bureau.


Every member of the staff has volunteered for some form of National Service.

Throughout the town there was a very considerable improvement in trade as it affected the principal industries.

In order to save time and space the corresponding figures to previous years are not given and reference may be made to these reports if desired.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

Public Health Department,
Lowfield House,
100, The Square,
KEIGHLEY.


Medical Officer of Health,

B O R O U G H O F K E I G H L E Y.

A. - NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

No population figure has as yet been received.

The estimated number of inhabited houses is 18,396. The rateable value is £366,733, and the sum represented by a Penny Rate, £1,365.

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.

The total average number of persons registered as unemployed during the year in Keighley was 1,791 and in Haworth, 554, which on comparison with the previous year will show a very considerable improvement.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS:- The total number of births registered was 678, 27 of these being still-births.

DEATHS:- The deaths registered for the year are 810.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

There were 8 fatal road accidents during the year.

INFANT MORTALITY.

The number of infants dying under one year of age is 31.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

The number of women dying directly as a result of childbirth is 2.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

It is not possible to ascertain the natural increase or decrease per 1,000 population owing to the figure not being available, but from the actual number of births and deaths there will be a decrease.

Poor relief administered amounted to £19,343.

B. - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

1.- HOSPITAL PROVIDED.

The Hospital Services in the Borough have not materially altered during the year.

FEVER HOSPITALS.- The following cases were admitted to the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital at Morton Banks.

Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fever	-	2
Scarlet Fever	-	99
Diphtheria	..	108
Pneumonia	-	2
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	6
Erysipelas	-	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	2
Total	-	<u>225</u>

SMALLPOX HOSPITALS.- Accommodation is the same as last year.

TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIA.- The same facilities are available for treatment as shown in previous years.

MATERNITY HOSPITALS.- The number of confinements in the County Hospital was 164.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.- Facilities are the same as shown previously.

2. - AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The same facilities are available as shown last year.

3. - CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

SCHOOL CLINICS. - See Annual Report of the School Medical Officer.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CLINICS. - Details of these services are the same as shown in the Annual Report for the year 1938.

ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC, OPHTHALMIC CLINIC AND ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT CLINIC.- See Annual Report for 1938.

DENTAL CLINIC.- No important change has been made in the services available during the year.

DETAILS OF DENTAL TREATMENT OF MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE PATIENTS.

Attendances	-	252
Patients	-	61

DENTAL TREATMENT OF TODDLERS.

Attendances	-	61
Patients	-	25

TUBERCULOSIS AND VENEREAL DISEASES CLINICS.- See Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

HOME HELPS.- The details of this service are the same as those shown in last year's report. 21 applications for the services of "Home Helps" were received and appropriately dealt with during 1939.

ANTE AND POST NATAL CONSULTANT.- 5 cases attended the consultant in Leeds during 1939.

PANEL OF OBSTETRIC CONSULTANTS.- This scheme has been indefinitely postponed.

MOTHERCRAFT CLASSES.- The average attendance was 24.

4 & 5.- PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIVES.

Details of these services are the same as last year.

6.- LABORATORY WORK.

343 specimens from general practitioners and 988 from the Public Health Department have been submitted to the West Riding County Council for bacteriological examination.

124 samples of water have been submitted by the Waterworks Engineer for bacteriological examination.

RAINFALL.

The total annual rainfall as measured in the gauge situated at the Public Abattoir is as follows:-

January	5.32	inches.
February	3.74	"
March	2.91	"
April	1.69	"
May	1.10	"
June	2.88	"
July	6.99	"
August	1.45	"
September	1.10	"
October	3.27	"
November	6.48	"
December	2.33	"
Total	39.26	"

7.- PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

See front page.

8.- LEGISLATION IN FORCE IN THE BOROUGH.

See Annual Report for the year 1936.

9.- SCHOOLS.

See separate report on the School Medical Services.

C. - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1. - NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1942 visits of investigation were paid and 341 for the purpose of disinfection.

No cases of Smallpox were notified.

(a) MEASLES.- Measles was made notifiable by an order dated 23rd October, 1939, the number of cases notified being 11. There were no deaths.

(b) WHOOPING COUGH.- This disease was made notifiable by an order dated 23rd October, 1939. The number of cases notified was 17. There were no deaths.

(c) SCARLET FEVER.- The number of cases notified was 111. There was 1 death. 89.2% of the notified cases were removed to Hospital.

(d) DIPHTHERIA.- The number of cases notified was 110. No deaths occurred and 98.2% of the notified cases were removed to Hospital.

(e) CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER.- 7 cases were notified. 6 were removed to Hospital. There were 4 deaths.

(f) TYPHOID AND PARA-TYPHOID FEVER.- 2 cases were notified and removed to Hospital. There were no deaths.

(g) ZYMOTIC ENTERITIS (SUMMER DIARRHOEA).- No cases came to the notice of the Department.

(h) OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.- 2 cases were brought to the notice of the Department and they were followed up by the Health Visitors.

(i) PUERPERAL PYREXIA.- 7 cases were notified. There were no deaths.

(j) ACUTE PRIMARY OR INFLUENZAL PNEUMONIA.- 67 cases were notified. The deaths registered numbered 42.

(k) TUBERCULOSIS.- 26 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were received, Non-Pulmonary cases notified being 21. 23 Pulmonary and 1 Non-Pulmonary deaths were registered.

(l) INFLUENZA.- There were 5 deaths certified from this disease.

2.- CANCER - MALIGNANT DISEASE.

The number of deaths registered was 94. The number of patients admitted from Keighley to the Radium Therapy Department of the Bradford Royal Infirmary totalled 35 and the total number of days stay amounted to 520. Similar arrangements exist for treatment as shown in the previous year.

D. - MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

1. - ADMINISTRATION.

The clinic facilities are the same as shown in last year's report.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

Number notified 678. Of these 21 were illegitimate and 27 were still-births. 285 of these occurred in maternity homes or institutions.

2.- SUMMARY OF VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS.

The total number of visits was 14,566.

WELFARE CENTRES.

The days and times of the clinic sessions are the same as shown in the Annual Report for the year 1938.

Number on register at end of year:-

Babies	-	1044
Ante-natal	-	483
Post-natal	-	164
Toddlers	-	206

The following summary shows the work done:-

	Baby Attendances.	Baby Weighings.	A.N. Mothers.	P.N. Mothers.	Toddlers.
Victoria Park.	3,998	3,901	695	122	371
Westgate.	4,368	4,329	849	137	336
Haworth.	1,880	1,710	186	18	-
Morton.	934	921	98	15	-

The number of infant consultations held by the medical officers in charge of the various centres was 4,333. The total number of Toddlers on the registers shows a slight decrease.

58 children were treated by artificial sunlight. Minor ailments treated were 90 and orthopaedic cases treated were 42.

The number of mothers referred from the Ante-Natal Clinics for dental treatment was 61. The number of cases referred from Toddlers' Clinics for dental treatment was 25.

The Postural Clinic continues on similar lines, but has been considerably developed. Details of this work are embodied in the Annual Report of the School Medical Officer for the current year.

INFANT LIFE PROTECTION.

14 cases came to notice during the year. 4 cases were already under supervision from the previous year. 56 visits were made.

3. - MILK DISTRIBUTION.

Similar circumstances obtain under this heading as in the previous year. The total net cost of dried milk distributed was £275. 11. 11d.

4. - KEIGHLEY INFANTS' AID SOCIETY.

In spite of the War this Society continues to readily co-operate with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, even though working under considerable handicaps.

E. - SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

1. - RAT WEEK.

Special activities were undertaken in connection with Rat Week.

F. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

The Borough Waterworks Undertaking is described in the Annual Report for 1938.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Pollution of rivers and streams is not a serious matter, as all drainage, with a few exceptions, is discharged into the public sewers.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no privately owned swimming pools in the district, but the Corporation own two swimming baths of the first and second class types, which are described in the 1938 report.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The five sewage disposal works are fully described in the Annual Report for 1938.

SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND REFUSE ACCOMMODATION.

No. of houses with water closets	-	17,605
" " " " waste water closets	-	2,439
" " pail or tub closets	-	179
" " privies (at farms where no sewer and/or water supply is reasonably available)	-	252

555 inspections were made regarding sanitary and refuse accommodation in connection with which the following improvements were effected:-

55 waste water closets and 18 other types of closets were converted to water closets, 1 privy was abolished and 1 was re-constructed, 11 additional water closets were provided and 42 water closets were repaired or renewed.

237 premises were provided with regulation dust-bins in lieu of unsatisfactory refuse receptacles.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Total number of premises dealt with	-	4,081
Total inspections for nuisances - Dwellings	-	1,126
Others	-	816
Total nuisances found	- 842	Number abated - 729
Inspections and re-visits for other Statutory Purposes	(Inspections - 8,788 Re-visits - 3,526)	
Number of Sanitary Improvements effected at premises controlled by Public Health and other legislation	-	2,230
Number of interviews	-	2,194

NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH.

	Notices served.		Notices complied with (including matters brought forward from 1938).	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
Public Health Acts	490	53	340	88
Smoke Abatement Notices	-	6	-	6
Housing Acts	31	27	17	37
Factories Act	32	1	14	1
Milk & Dairies Orders	3	-	5	-
Food & Drugs Act	85	-	2	-
Rats & Mice (Destruction) Act	1	-	1	-
Shops Acts	53	1	12	1

HOUSING.

1.- GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(a) Total number of houses in the Borough	-	18,396
(b) Number of working-class houses included in above	-	16,464
(c) Number of new houses built in 1939	-	262

2.- OVERCROWDING.

A special effort was made to abate the existing cases of overcrowding and in this connection 37 families were re-housed by the Corporation, in addition to an owners' private scheme of re-allocating families and enlarging houses. Operation of normal circumstances such as removals, deaths, marriages, accounted for the majority of the remaining cases; the small remainder making arrangements for persons exceeding the "permitted number" to sleep out.

(a)(1) No. of dwellings known to be overcrowded at end of year	-	6
(2) " " families	-	6
(3) " " persons	-	35
(b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	-	8
(c)(1) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	-	90
(2) " " persons concerned	-	526½

In spite of routine letters and advertisements pointing out obligations less than 25% of the houses affected have been allocated with their "permitted number" by the Department, only 4,012 houses having been so allocated since the operation of the Act.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are two in the Borough, solely used by men, and they are well maintained. 37 inspections were made.

CAMPING SITES.

Three sites accommodating a maximum number of 100 campers have been re-licensed.

OTHER SITES FOR MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

In addition to the above there were four sites for other movable dwellings licensed subject to the colonies being brought up to standard.

3 applications for site licences were received which were subsequently refused on the grounds of unsuitability of sites and dwellings.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	132	23	-
Factories without mechanical power	100	10	-
Other premises under the Act	4	-	-
Total	236	33	-

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

Particulars.	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	4	5	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-				
Insufficient	2	3	-	-
Unsuitable or Defective	88	6	-	-
Not separate for sexes	2	-	-	-
Other Offences	10	11	1	-
Total	106	25	1	-

OUTWORKERS.

Lists were submitted by 7 employers, showing the employment of 9 persons. In every case the premises were visited and found to be satisfactory.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

59 observations, each of half an hour's duration, were taken of the various industrial chimneys, during which 6 contraventions of the local bye-law were noted. Warning letters were sent in each case and 10 inspections of plants and 3 re-visits were found necessary.

An additional soot deposit gauge was installed at Lowfield House, in the industrial centre of the town, and the totals of the 12 monthly deposits collected in this gauge, and the gauge situate in Morton Cemetery, a residential district, are as follows:-

422.6 tons per sq. mile and 130.4 tons per sq. mile respectively.

FOOD INSPECTION AND THE SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.

1,013 inspections were made of Food Premises.

FOOD CONTROL.

The Sanitary Inspectors have at the request of the Food Control Committee been engaged in giving practical effect to the various Orders and Regulations issued by the Ministry of Food. In this connection 145 visits were made.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 88 bakehouses in the district of which 7 are basement bakehouses/under the Factories Act, 1937.
Licensed

MEAT MARKING.

The meat marking scheme, as described in the 1938 report, continued to operate satisfactorily and is likely to become more popular under the Government scheme of centralised slaughter.

MEAT SUPPLY.

One private slaughterhouse was voluntarily closed, leaving 12 licensed private slaughterhouses to be dealt with at a later date under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

A 100% system of meat inspection is in force and for the purpose of this system the Inspectors were on duty at the Public Abattoir on 658 occasions and on duty at private slaughterhouses on 1,076 occasions.

The Government's Regional Slaughtering Scheme came into force on the 15th January, 1940 and from this date all slaughtering had to be done at the Public Abattoir. Due to this, the following returns have been made up to the 15th January, 1940.

SUMMARY OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR AND PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

	Cattle (Excluding Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Animals killed and inspected	2,549	2,472	249	16,022	5,028
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	3	4	3	2
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	56	271	5	18	451
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	2.19	11.08	3.61	0.13	8.92
<u>Tuberculosis Only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	12	19	1	-	11
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	254	1,070	7	-	442
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	9.65	44.05	3.21	-	8.92

NUMBER OF ANIMALS KILLED AND WEIGHT IN LBS OF UNSOUND MEAT SURRENDERED.

(a) At the Public Abattoir.

	No. of Animals Killed and Inspected	Whole carcasses		Part carcasses		Offal		Total	
		T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes
Cows	1723	11305	504	2817	188	16245	1859	30367	2551
Other Cattle	1612	6473	-	48	4	3020	607	9541	611
Sheep	11720	-	106	-	-	-	73	-	179
Pigs	3516	1735	274	-	52	3280	1018	5015	1344
Calves	170	112	242	-	3	14	8	126	253
Totals	18741	19625	1126	2865	247	22559	3565	45049	4932

NUMBER OF ANIMALS KILLED AND WEIGHT IN LBS. OF UNSOUND MEAT SURRENDERED.
(Continued).

(b) At Private Slaughterhouses.

	No. of Animals Killed and Inspected	Whole carcases		Part carcases		Offal		Total	
		T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes
Cows	749	1540	400	126	10	6802	988	8468	1398
Other Cattle	937	520	-	40	-	2193	177	2753	177
Sheep	4302	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	11
Pigs	1512	-	-	-	-	891	147	891	147
Calves	79	-	60	-	-	8	15	8	75
Totals	7579	2060	460	166	10	9894	1338	12120	1808
Grand Totals	26320	21685	1586	3031	257	32453	4903	57169	6746

The total weight condemned, therefore, was 28 tons, 10 cwts., 2 qrs., 19 lbs.

MILK SUPPLY.

PRODUCTION. In the Borough are 213 milk farms housing approximately 2,300 cows in a total of 320 cowsheds. 29 of these farms are licensed by the West Riding County Council to produce "Accredited" milk and one to produce "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

DISTRIBUTION. There are 84 wholesale traders and 283 retailers, the latter including 131 shops registered for the sale of bottled milk. One shop-keeper is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested (Certified)" milk, produced and bottled in the Skipton Rural District. One licence to pasteurise bulk milk was extended for the year and the holder of this licence retails pasteurised milk at 21 shops in the district.

572 visits to cowsheds and 315 visits to dairy premises were made.

MILK SAMPLING.

(a) TO ASCERTAIN CLEANLINESS.

<u>No. obtained and sent to County Laboratory for Examination.</u>	<u>Grade of Milk.</u>	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
2	Tuberculin Tested	1	1
60	Accredited	54	6
42	Pasteurised	38	4
325	Ordinary	231	94
429	Total	324 or 75.5% X	105 or 24.5% Z

X Comprises 299 produced in Keighley and 25 elsewhere.
Z " 95 " " " " 10 "

(b) FOR PRESENCE OF TUBERCLE BACILLUS.

363 samples of milk were submitted to the County Laboratory for examination: 4 of these were notified as tuberculous. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the County Council took appropriate action which resulted in the affected animals being slaughtered.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

On the 1st October, 1938, by virtue of the 1938 Act, the Borough became a Food and Drugs Authority and the undermentioned samples were submitted to the Public Analyst.

<u>Formal samples taken.</u>		<u>No. adulterated.</u>
Milks	- 28	1
Other Foods	- 43	4
Total	<u>71</u>	<u>5</u>

ADULTERATED SAMPLES ETC.

Article.	Whether Formal, Informal or Private.	Nature of Adulteration or irregularity.	Observations.
Potted Meat	Formal	Contained only 2% Meat Solids.	Desirable minimum being 30% Meat Solids - Warning letters sent to all manufacturers & retailers of potted meat within the Borough. Warning letter sent.
Do.	Informal	" " 21.5% " "	
Do.	Do.	" " 21.5% " "	
Do.	Do.	" " 21.3% " "	
Milk	Formal	Only 2.72% Fat Content - "Appeal to Cow" sample contained 3.60% Fat.	

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

174 premises have been registered under Section 12 of the Food and Drugs Act as places in which food is manufactured, sold or stored for the purpose of sale.

68 applications for the registration of unsatisfactory premises were received. The applicants, and if necessary, the owners, were notified that registration would not be made until they complied with standards specified under the Act. 2 applications were withdrawn.

2 applicants were invited to appear before the Committee to show cause why registration ought not to be refused. One applicant thereupon withdrew his application and in the other case registration was granted subject to compliance with the Act.

3 applications have been received under Section 34 for registration of premises for wholesale dealing in margarine and margarine-cheese. In each case the applicant has been required to remedy infringements of the Act before registration was granted.

One firm has been registered under Section 28 for the sale and storage for the purpose of sale of artificial cream.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in Borough - 72, comprising 50 Fish-friers, 5 Tanners and Leather Dressers, 1 Tripe Boiler, 1 Bone Boiler and Fat Refiner, 2 Tripe Boilers and Gut Scrapers, 1 Fat Refiner and 3 Rag and Bone Dealers.

Number of inspections made - 171.

REPRESSION OF VERMIN.

RATS.

180 visits were paid to rat infested premises and advice given.

The appointment of the official ratcatcher for an experimental period proved successful, and the Council re-appointed him for further periods of 6 months and later 12 months.

434 visits were paid by the Ratcatcher to infested premises and 818 rats were known to have been destroyed.

National "Rat Week" was again organised in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries circular.

VERMINOUS HOUSES AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS.

The scheme of disinfection prior to removal to Corporation houses, as described in the 1938 report, again operated smoothly.

A total of 177 families passed through the Disinfection Station under this scheme.

In addition to the above the Department's attention was called by complaint to 10 verminous houses, one of which was Corporation property. Both sulphur dioxide and hydrocyanic acid gas have been applied, the latter by a contractor.

30 houses, situated within Clearance Areas, have been fumigated with sulphur dioxide prior to demolition.

The Health Committee passed a resolution drawing the Housing Committee's attention to the advantages of employing a woman Housing Manager trained in the Octavia Hill system to supervise the Corporation Housing Estates, but the Housing Committee decided to take no action in the matter.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS AND ORDERS.

The Police act as officers of Local Authority for the purpose of granting licences and other administrative duties. A summary of action taken by all officers is as follows:-

ANTHRAX ORDER, 1938.

In 1939 there were 4 suspected cases, but none of them were confirmed.

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1939.

50 Form "A" Notices were served. Of these 11 were withdrawn: the other 39 animals were slaughtered.

SWINE FEVER ORDER, 1938.

There were 13 suspected cases, 2 of which were confirmed, and resulted in 3 Form "B" Notices being served placing restrictions on adjacent premises. All form "B" Notices have been withdrawn and 12 withdrawals of Form "A" Notices have been received leaving 1 confirmed case under restriction at the year end.

REGULATION OF MOVEMENT OF SWINE ORDER, 1922.

23 licences covering the movement of 179 pigs for slaughter, and 1 licence affecting 7 pigs for store purposes, were issued.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ACT, 1928.

11 Form "A" Notices, defining infected places have been served, all of which were subsequently withdrawn. 17 Form "D" Notices prohibiting movement of animals were served and later withdrawn.

In connection with these outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease 112 movement licences affecting 188 cattle, 439 sheep and 53 pigs were issued.

The Public Abattoir was cleansed and disinfected following the reception of contacts with a confirmed case in a bovine.

MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS LANDING FROM IRELAND AND THE CHANNEL ISLANDS REGULATIONS, 1925.

99 movement licences were issued.

TRANSIT OF ANIMALS (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1930.

140 vehicles were disinfected and cleansed.

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 TO 1928
FABRICS (UNDESIGNATED) ACT, 1913.

No action.

SHOPS ACT, 1954.

10 unsatisfactory conditions under the Shops Acts were remedied, consisting of improved ventilation in one instance, sinks provided in three instances, reasonable temperature attained in one instance and sufficient sanitary accommodation provided in five instances.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following proceedings arose out of action taken during the year:-

Acts, Orders or Regulations under which proceedings were taken.	Remarks.	Result	Fines	Costs
			£: s: d.	£: s: d.
Tuberculosis Order, 1938	2 persons failing to notify the authority concerned of a cow affected by tuberculosis emaciation.	Conviction.	20:0:0)	2:2:0)
Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.	Same persons slaughtered an animal intended for human consumption without giving at least 3 hours previous notice to the authority concerned.		50:0:0)	

SANITARY INSPECTORS' CONFERENCE.

It is worthy of note that the North Eastern Centre of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association held one of their conferences at Keighley on the 3rd June. A visit to the Corporation Waterworks Undertaking was made in the morning under the conduction of the Waterworks Engineer. During the afternoon the Chief Sanitary Inspector presented a paper entitled "The Protection of Public Food Supply".

The Conference was a complete success.

G. - CLEANSING.

The following table gives a summary of loads from the various districts.

	House Refuse		Trade Refuse	No. of Night Soil Tubs Emptied.	Loads of Refuse removed from Abattoir	Miscellaneous.
	Team	Motor	Motor			Team & Motor.
Keighley Old Borough including Laycock	1233	7023	324	4826	252	1890
Riddlesden & Morton	-	862	50	272	-	-
Oxenhope	593	-	-	3779	-	-
Haworth	-	475	104	2610	-	-
Oakworth	827	-	-	1401	-	-
Stanbury	150	-	-	3771	-	-
Newsholme	38	-	-	6600	-	-
Totals	2847	8360	478	23292	252	1890

The Department has 8 tips under its control - 1 Keighley, 3 Oxenhope, 1 Haworth, 2 Oakworth and 1 Stanbury. Laycock and Goose Eye tips were discontinued due to the work being done by direct labour.

SALVAGE.

This work has been steadily carried on, particularly as regards the recovery of waste-paper and destructor scrap, the object being to keep the tips as free as possible to minimise the dangers of fire.

Since the outbreak of the War the recovery of salvage has been intensified at the request of the Ministry of Supply. Approximately 120 tons of Waste-paper and 41 tons of scrap metals were recovered and disposed of up to the year end.

